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Signs of Promise.

Water Valley has spoken again in the interest of the old preacher and this time it is \$100.00, while from four churches in Rankin Co., Asso'n come cheering greetings for missions. They are Rock Hill, Galilee, Antioch and Concord, and the aggregate is \$160.50, a quartette with a good range both as to pitch and quality and all of course in the country as you can see by the names. Spring Hill and Damascus are in duet at a pitch of \$38.20, while Wesson recalls the days of overland travel to the far west, for the letter brings good wishes from Lee and \$49.00. The first voice from the far southwest since Sibley leads the sheep in pastures green is for State Missions and it says \$28.56. Meridian, 1st Church, sends \$78.58 for F. M., a testimonial of the women mostly of that noble church. Ashland is the name, but the place is Cascilla, where they have fed on Rice for these years and seem not to weary, and where lovingly they made a F. M. offering to the extent of \$60.00, happy in the consciousness of doing the will of the Father.

A name right now, new to these notes, and a pastor also new to Mississippi but from whom I dare say we shall have more, Epps the church, O'Bryant the pastor, send \$3.25 for S. M. Forest, month after month, never lets up, for one who connects us with the days of "lang syne" is there, nay there are two of them, one in the pulpit and the other in the pew, and fit leaders for a hand so true, and they prove the truth of the old story, 'many a mickle makes a muckle,' for the aggregate since the year began is \$48.75.

Poplar Springs remembers F. M. and H. M. with \$31.68, and this is but an earnest of what is to come as we all know, when we all know that Beasley is there. The time would fail me to tell of the many others with hearts as warm, but with purse not quite so long, who love missions because they love Him who has said, 'Go ye therefore into all the world, disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world.'

The week closes with an advance on my book over last year of \$350.00.

A. V. ROWE.

A Visit to "Aunt Mary."

I have just been down to see "Aunt Mary." A visit to her is so like a benediction that one wants to share the blessedness of it with others. So I shall endeavor to pass on something of the good that

came to me from a few days communing with her.

For some weeks past—indeed nearly all winter—"Aunt Mary" has been an invalid confined to her room, much of the time to her bed. Into the subdued light of the quiet chamber hallowed by her presence, one enters realizing something of what it means to tread on sacred ground.

Right here is a good place to speak of one of the things that impresses one most in regard to "Aunt Mary." Sick or well hers is the same placid nature; one of those gentle, unobtrusive natures that reminds you of "green pastures" and "still waters." Suffering does not ruffle or render her less companionable. Unlike so many of us she is not depressed or gloomy as a "shut in." She is a living rebuke to fretful and peevish ones who see no good in physical affliction. She has come to meet things with the calm assurance which life brings men and women of high thinking and large heart.

Another impression for good that one gets is the value of a simple life. In the rush and hurly-burly of the strenuous life most of us is living, there is so little time to do any thing well, and we scarcely realize that we have an inner self whose acquaintanceship needs to be cultivated. "Aunt Mary" is simplicity itself in life and manner. For this reason the poor and humble love her and seek her gladly because she loves them and is helpful to them. In her quiet methodical way she has a time for many things and accomplishes a vast deal in that time, but there is no hurry, no confusion, no sounding of trumpets.

But while "Aunt Mary" is unmatched in her simplicity, she is also the very pink of true refinement, the perfect ideal of perfect womanhood. Ostentatious show and hollow sham are far removed from this matchless woman whose simple goodness is her all-sufficient adornment.

With this exquisite refinement there is blended in "Aunt Mary's" character the highest courage. I recall times when this characteristic has burst forth in startling distinctness when contrasted with her usual quiet demeanor. A thing with her is right or it is wrong. She never considers the question of expediency. Do we not need more like her in this day when the church and the world walk so nearly hand in hand?

"Aunt Mary" has her faults of course, but I am glad that there is something about her which prevents one from ever looking for them—hence I have never found them. I am glad that in the busy toil and turmoil of an often burdened life, I know a haven of quietness where I may

anchor awhile and rest. I am thankful that in that haven, I am made stronger for life's battle by the earnestness and courage and patience of one who draws her every inspiration from the Blessed Master. I am, from the depths of my heart, so thankful that my life—that many lives—are blessed by the sweet and hallowed influence of a dear "Aunt Mary."

MARGARET MCRAE LACKEY.

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My Work in Franklin.

This is preaching day at Union and this is the hour, but the pastor is in bed and can't be there. However, I feel that they will have a glorious service any way, because the Lord will meet with them and many will be guided by His spirit. I am entering on my second year at Union with gladness of heart and great expectancy of the future. During last year I baptized about thirty into fellowship of this church. The church gave about \$500 to all purposes—a gain of over 125 per cent. This is the day that Union will remember the struggling preacher boys of Mississippi College with a box. I had hoped that its value would reach \$75, but measles, mumps, and all kinds of sickness are abroad in our neighborhood, which will cut short the congregation and contribution. Can't your church send a box to the preacher boys or to the orphans, brother? They will gladly do it if you will remind them of it.

December brought to a close my first year's work at Knoxville. Both church and pastor are pleased over the results of last year's work. This church is weak, but in some respects it is one of the best in the State. We made an advancement all along the line last year, Knoxville has said that we will do more this, and started this advancement by moving the figures of the pastor's salary up \$50. God bless the noble saints at Knoxville.

I give Roxie the nights of the Sundays I preach at Union. Roxie is very weak, but we hope some day to be on our feet and stand among the best town churches of the State, for Christ and His work.

My work at Providence began the first of January. The prospects are very hopeful to me for this year.

These churches paid me in full, besides a nice overplus. Taking everything into consideration, I venture the assertion that we have as good church going people as there are in the State.

We welcome Bros. Johnson and Sibley into our parts.

HOMER H. WEBB.

Roxie, Miss.

Leaders.

Without question there is something to be admired in that masterful and forcible personality, (no matter where exhibited, whether in conducting some small enterprise successfully, or in consolidating lines of railways and ocean steamships, etc.) which is able to coordinate circumstances and conditions and so manipulate men and material as to bring about results that are epoch-making and even startling.

To accomplish this there must be certain characteristics of mind and disposition, and perhaps this could be analyzed and stated under three distinct heads or types.

First, there are leaders who possess the required energy and have the necessary idea of the importance of the work under consideration; but who have not the faculty of stimulating such ideas into any one else. They achieve a sort of detail under their own special supervision, not feeling, or at least not exhibiting, confidence enough in any one to trust the work to them, or else fear another may merit and receive some of the praise due for the accomplished work. Such a leader can manage circumstances and conditions, but is utterly unable to command the respect of those over whom he has supervision. They yield their labor, not heartily and freely as they would were they trusted, and made to feel that their work and efforts were appreciated. Harsh words and overbearing treatment make them not friends, but enemies.

The second class or type of leader has simply the power to handle men and material. They are consummate generals, and can inspire with their own energy and geniality a constant rivalry among their helpers to see who can do the best and largest amount of work possible. These leaders, however, must be planned for; not being able to become architects of the labor to be performed. They occupy a position to be coveted nevertheless in the hearts of their assistants, because they treat them with kindness and consideration, not fearing to have their own reputation diminished or their glory dimmed, by what a subordinate may accomplish. They are willing to be generous as well as just. There is no continual fault finding, no overbearing or domineering conduct that makes a helper wish to be as far as possible from them. Those who work under such a leader are always liberal in their praise of him, and that is no small item in measuring the leader's success.

The third type of leader is the one who happily combines the two foregoing types. He has the energy; knows the importance of the work, and can also command acceptably. Such a leader can inspire, and indeed tries to educate and train into the work, others who may possess the necessary qualifications, to relieve him of much of the routine and detail work, and thus keep him from worrying too much over little things that so annoy and consume time, and give his thought to the larger and more important matter of combining the results that flow in from the many

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sources he has started. Such a leader can accomplish a great deal larger, more important and intricate work than either of the others. He sees the necessity of training others into the work by giving them the fullest confidence and imparting to them the knowledge necessary to a proper conduct of the business, knowing that he may be cut down at any time; and to keep the enterprise from suffering harm he has these others trained to step into his place at a moment's notice, making no jar or confusion because of the change. Nay such a leader will yield his place if he discovers another who is able to conduct the business more successfully than he is doing. Selfishness is not a prominent element in his make-up.

It has been said "that one test of a great leader was the ability to see when he had a superior and to be willing to step down and out for the sake of the cause." This is a hard test no doubt, but it is what should be done.

These three tests can be applied to every profession or calling.

The pastor may try to engineer everything in his parish, because he has lots of energy and fears no one else is qualified to do it as well as he can; or he may try because he is a good general to have most of the work done by others, thus giving himself an easy time, or he may round out his career and enlarge his sphere of operation by working himself and by example inducing an ever increasing band of collaborators, after the manner of Spurgeon and others.

The question then comes directly to every one who holds a responsible position: What kind of a leader am I? May it be looked squarely in the face and answered as we think the Master would have it answered and if we find ourselves dropping into error, may we heroically set about the task of putting things in order that not only our own ambitions may be realized, but that the greatest good may come to all who are reached by our influence.

Leaders are needed. There never was greater need of the right kind, but there are too many who fail to measure up to the standard. Better be a good follower than a poor leader.

S. D. WOODS.

The Preacher's Wife.

Why do we see so often, in papers and magazines, such criticisms as this: "More than one pastor has been displaced, more than one ministry has been sacrificed, by the wife being a dressy, silly, society woman." I did not know that women were called to preach at all, at least it is not so where I live. In the case just mentioned, man's weakness is very prominent, but like Adam of old he is only willing to hide his weakness behind the weaker vessel.

Understanding the pastor's wife and her life well, I would like, if you will excuse my simplicity, to draw a picture of the majority of the pastor's wife's life, that might explain a thing or two, that these critics have not found out yet, and per-

haps never will for they see things through different glasses, to others who know.

I find the preacher's wife very, very much like other men's wives, at any rate she has her likes, she eats, wears clothes, sleeps, reads, sings, laughs, cries, talks as other women, why yes, I believe I do find some difference, she has a heart warm enough to love her fellow creatures, she is more helpful, more patient, and is constantly longing to do the right thing. She does not claim to be perfect, she gets in the wrong sometimes, but as a general thing she is about right.

As I write I have in mind one of these much criticised, and I may say abused women, who's life compares favorably with a great many pastor's wife's lives. She was raised by a mother who had plenty of this world's goods who thought that the Bible plan for raising young women was good enough for her, so she raised her daughters to be sober, to be discreet, chaste keepers at home, good, obedient, to love their husbands, to love their children.

In course of time Mr. H., a young minister, looking for a help-meet, selected this young woman, they were married. Mr. H's work was in the country, therefore his income was too small for them to live above work, and work they did; she cooked, washed, darned, scrubbed, kept the children and home in order, besides attending to many other duties that came in her way, she and her children attended Sunday-school and church regularly, she was often found by the bedside trying to relieve someone who was in pain or distress, snatching a little time now and then to keep up with her reading and music. She was happy among, and working for those whom she felt loved her husband and herself for their work's sake, little did she care how long she wore a hat or dress, so they looked decent; the congregation did their best for them, and they were loved by all.

After a few years Mr. H. was called to take charge of a church in the town of R., so move they must. Mrs. H. in all her child-like simplicity started in the work believing that all who had their names enrolled on the church book were Christians, therefore they would have the same Christ-like love for her that the sisters had for her in the country, but alas it only took her a few weeks, to find things quite different, there was a coldness that she could feel, but she could not explain it. The sisters were very formal with her, and she could hear occasionally such remarks as: She is so common, that hat and dress must have been in use for years, she is a good creature and sings well, but you know sister D. will quit the choir if we do not manage some way to get her to quit singing with us. It will be a pity to hurt her feelings, but still worse to offend sister D. for she pays well, and dresses elegantly therefore an ornament to our church. Poor Mrs. H. quietly smothered down self and keeps steadily on with her work, she and her children were always in their places at Sunday-school and church service for she still clings to the idea that church service

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was the place for children as well as for adults, and then she was beginning to feel like her children were all she had now, her husband was kept so busy that she saw very little of him. She just kept longing for something she knew not what, but faithful to her trust, she kept home in order, taught her children to keep off the streets, to avoid bad company, to be respectful to the old, and tried to teach them that fine dress could not in any way take the place of true politeness.

By this time in life Mrs. H. felt that she was losing interest to some extent, she felt so lonely in church that she often would say "if it were not for my children I would not go." The husband, where was he? The church had contracted with him for a handsome sum, to do their preaching, but he soon found that he had to do their visiting as well. The year now is drawing to a close, the church expresses itself as being well pleased with Bro. H's work, and extends the call for another year. The church's book shows that the church is badly behind with Bro. H's salary. The merchant's book shows that Bro. H. is badly behind with his merchant. Sister D. and another sister are appointed to visit the membership and see what can be done. In the intervening time what was being done at Bro. H's house? That debt must be paid. He is thinking that perhaps if he had have done more, things would have gone different, so he applies himself closer to his work, seeming to almost forget the little woman who had stood so faithfully by him all this time. Mrs. H. resolved to do more, but what could she do? She loved children, but her first duty was to take care of her children and home, therefore she could not teach, but she could sew, and each day until far in the night her machine might be heard, garment after garment was made, so that she could keep her children at school, and help to drive want from her door. She was kept so busy that she missed a service or two, but she was attentive to her Sunday-School class.

It was soon whispered about that Mrs. H. was not doing as she should, and that she ought to be talked to. Sister D. was to do the talking, so over to the pastor's home she went. Mrs. H. welcomes her very warmly. Mrs. D., after some inquiries as to the children's health, proceeded to tell her that she must visit more, go to church more, that it was a pastor's wife's duty to look up all new comers and enlist them in the church work. Finally, after drawing up her costly skirt, as though the clean bare floor would soil it, she left. Wounded pride, anger, indignation, contempt, and then sorrow, would have expressed Mrs. H's feelings just then. What was she to think? The leading lady of the church, and that the church that she had given up the pleasure of her husband's company so that he might serve them. Would God bless Sister D. in such work? Surely God sees that it is for the want of more brain in Mrs. D. and not an error of the heart. So with new resolution Mrs. H. applies herself closer to her work. Just

as she thought she was getting along nicely. One evening Mrs. F., the organist, called. After chatting awhile about some of the last songs she asked Mrs. H. if she did not notice that her Sunday School class was growing less. The wife acknowledged that she had and wondered why it was so. Mrs. F. then explained to her that the girls preferred a teacher with more style, and that the superintendent had promised to give the class to Miss L., a very fashionable young lady in town. After a few more remarks she bid Mrs. H. good-evening, telling her that if she did not dress better herself, that she, with a great many of the other ladies, would have to cut her acquaintance.

Mrs. H's heart was sorely crushed again. Her husband and children had to be fed, the children must not stop school to help. Oh, that she had some loving friend to go to. The second year was now drawing to a close. The membership expressed themselves still well satisfied with Bro. H's work, but Mrs. H. was so common that they could not afford to call him another year. So the church called Bro. M. from Kentucky, who had been recommended to the church as a man of culture and his wife a grand leader in church work. The clerk's book showed that the church was still in debt to Bro. H., part of his first year's salary and nearly half of this year. The merchant's book showed that Mr. H. had paid his account in full. You can see by this what it amounts to for a preacher to have a helpful wife, and the most of them have just such sacrificing wives as Mrs. H.

I will let some one else follow Mr. M. and his wife in the work for the first year. I will only say that things moved along in grand style. His subject was announced and published one week ahead, so that the congregation could decide which they should do, go to church or read the morning paper. The choir was well up on all the solos and anthems. Mrs. M. sang well and dressed lovely and led so well that Mrs. D. and Miss F. began to lose interest in the work. Envy and discord did abound.

What I want is for some one to tell me what displaced Mr. H., the act of the church, himself or his wife.

COUNTRY.

Looking Backward.

"Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this."—Ecc. 7:10.

This would be a mighty good text for some folks to read occasionally. And for others it might be well for them to memorize it. Haven't you seen Christians who are constantly talking about the good old times that are past? I have. God bless them. They are mighty good people but their eyes are set in the wrong direction. Their hearts are still set on the Ebenezers that are long ago past. When old Bro. Joshua Smith was our pastor we made things hum; oh, if we just had him back again! The spiritual condition of our church was like nothing now seen, it far

surpassed all present glamor. Oh, we'll never see the like again. Almost every active pastor hears such surmises. Solomon said when he wrote this that the good old times that are past were not as good as some folks tried to make them appear. Their wisdom and judgment was at fault. Distance always lends enchantment to the view. Some good people forget they look a long way off when they see the good old days that are gone.

What is the cause that the former times were better than these? There is no cause, for the thing is not so. Some begin to inquire the reason for a thing before they are sure the thing is true. We are such strangers to the past and such incompetent judges of the present that we can't inquire wisely or pronounce the past better than the present. 'Tis folly to cry up the goodness of days gone by and cry down the things of the present. The past had many, if not all, the same things to complain of that we now have. God has not cast us in an iron age and let all the golden days go by. It is a reflection on God's providence to while away the hours talking about the good old days, the like of which we never shall see again. Eyes to the front brethren, their God is our God, their hope is our hope, their faith is our faith. Let's have our hearts better and the times will be better.

No Christian can be aggressive with his eyes set on the past. Go forward is the command, and no man can obey it, looking backward. No age was ever so aggressive as ours. No age ever presented such a wide, open field for Christian endeavor. No age ever presented such opportunities as this and laid claim to nobler endeavor.

Only the aggressive church can live in this age. With every member of every church set on advancing, things would soon be doing in the Christian world. But then that won't ever be. For the "good old times" that are no more have more magnetism for some folks than the dying millions and the call of God "to the front," "to the front."

Yours hopefully,

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

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Some Notes on Several Mississippi Points.

On the cars for Atlanta, February 18th, 1904.

I have had a very pleasant "swing around" to several towns in Mississippi, and send THE BAPTIST a few notes which may be of interest to some of its readers.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE.

I had the privilege of spending several days at this charming place, and the high opinion formed of the college a year ago was confirmed, and intensified.

Dr. B. G. Lowrey, the president; Mrs. Berry, the lady principal; Bro. Berry, the business manager, and all of the large and efficient corps of teachers, seem admirably fitted for their places, and when one sees how smoothly the affairs of the college run, he does not wonder that they are all of the time full to overflowing. They have enrolled over 350 students this session, and have turned down for want of room over 200 applicants. As they announced two months before the opening of the session that they were full, many were deterred from applying by this announcement, and the probabilities are that if they had the room they would have six or seven hundred students this session. I was very much interested in the several domestic clubs, where the students do their own cooking, and housekeeping and reduce their board thus to the surprising sum of \$5.00 per month. The beautiful cottage donated by Bro. S. L. Hearn, of West Point, as a memorial to his daughter, is nearly completed, and will accommodate 32 students. It is hoped that others will imitate the noble example of Bro. Hearn, and thus provide for the education of worthy girls who are to exert such potent influence in the future.

I was very much struck with the high moral, and religious tone which pervades the college. I heard nothing of "german clubs," "whist," or "progressive eucher" parties—these modern devices of the devil to ruin our young people—but I heard a great deal of Bible classes, prayer meetings and preaching services, and I know of nowhere a more important field than Bro. McMillin, the able preacher and efficient pastor, has at Blue Mountain.

It was my privilege to lecture Saturday night, preach Sunday morning and Sunday night, and talk to the B. Y. P. U. on Sunday afternoon.

I have never addressed more inspiring or appreciative audiences, and I told Dr. Lowrey that "if he did not want me to come again he had better not ask me."

BYHALIA.

I lectured to a full house in the Baptist church, and had a pleasant stay in this stirring little town. I did not have opportunity of seeing much of Baptist affairs here; but heard good accounts of the zeal, and efficiency of Pastor Horton. I was glad to find that the Baptists here have so commodious and excellent a house of worship. Pastor Horton took occasion to say to the people: "I am a very busy man. I have a wife and eight children to

look after, I teach school in the week, and I am the pastor of four churches." Cannot some one find something else for Bro. Horton to do, that he may be kept "busy?" But he found time to show me every courtesy.

YAZOO CITY.

I fell into the hands of the veterans at Yazoo City, and we swapped a good many Confederate yarns. There was a good audience at the lecture despite unpropitious weather, and if the audience enjoyed my talk on "The Boys in Gray, or The Private Confederate Soldier as I Knew Him," half as much as I did then they were pleased with these reminiscences of those men who, often with ragged jacket, bare and bleeding feet, and empty haversacks, followed their great leaders to an immortality of fame.

Our Baptist pastor at Yazoo City, Rev. W. J. Derrick, was sick and my stay was so limited that I could not see him, but I met several of his brethren, and heard of his earnest, successful work in that rather hard field for the Baptists.

CENTERVILLE.

Here I fell into the hands of both Confederate veterans and Baptists and greatly enjoyed my stay among them. There was a good audience to hear my lecture, and they were kind enough to laugh at my humorous incidents, and vigorously applaud my tribute to our heroes in Gray, and my defence of the cause for which they fought. I was the guest of Bro. R. D. J. Smith, and greatly enjoyed his cordial and graceful hospitality, and had the privilege of seeing something of the new pastor of the Baptist church, Bro. Sibley, and of hearing from others (not from him) of the vigorous and successful manner in which he is pushing the work.

Centerville is a growing town. I received such kindness from every one, and had such a good time that I felt like making the farewell speech of a certain captain of a volunteer company who had been royally entertained at a town they visited, and said on leaving: "I am no orator and cannot express our thanks. But the truth is we will come again?"

GREENWOOD.

I spent several days in this growing, pushing, enterprising town, and greatly enjoyed my stay. I had the privilege on Sunday of talking to the Baptist Sunday School and of preaching in their pulpit at 11 o'clock, and at 7:30, and of talking at their prayer meeting. And it was a great pleasure to me to see something of the pastor, Dr. Burr, and to learn something of his work. It is in some respects a hard field, but the able and consecrated pastor, and some efficient helpers are doing a good work which is telling now, and will be yet more evident in the near future.

But hold! I fear I have written more than you will care to print, or your patrons to read.

J. WM. JONES.

T. C. Edwards.

A TRIBUTE, BY J. F. HAILEY.

Brother Edwards died Jan. 10, 1904, of rheumatism of the brain. He was a member of the Shuqualak Baptist Church.

I do not wish to write an obituary, but to speak of him as to my own relation to him. Possibly few realized some sides of his character as I knew him. To me he discovered traits that doubtless, his business competitors would deny. His severe affliction from rheumatism would naturally develop a disposition not to be expected in one accustomed from a child to stand on the same footing as others. As a result he was thought to be arbitrary, and competitors less resourceful than himself conceived a dislike for him.

He was provident of the needs of his family, while his love and ambition for his children were well nigh pathetic. Well do I remember when a school project in his town had failed, how he plea I with me to leave Mississippi College and take his children in charge, offering to build me a school house with a suitable concert hall, to furnish a house and pay me \$400 a year for four years, to teach two small children, I being allowed to take as many more as I could without neglecting his.

I have had few such friends as he showed himself to me, and I had opportunity to test him under trying circumstances. Scattered from Ohio to Texas are men who have said to me, "When you have need of a friend let me know." Among these I had learned to give T. C. Edwards a favored place.

He had faults. I would not palliate them; but I would lay an humble tribute upon the sympathizing bosom of mother earth that kindly covers them over. May she lie lightly upon him, and, each May-time, bring the flowers above him to tell of the resurrection that awaits him in nature's own promised springtime. Kansas City, Feb. 13, 1904.

The Secret of Frank's Success.

A Story for Boys.

BY AUNT BESS.

II.

"Hello, that you, Frank?" and Joe Ellis faced his friend before he was aware of his presence. "I was just going to your house," continued Joe as the boys faced each other in the dark, "to persuade you to join us boys day after tomorrow. There will be ten or twelve in all, and we want you to go with us. I told the boys I would not leave until you promised to go."

He paused but no reply came from Frank, so he added in a flattering way: "I know such a sensible fellow like you won't miss such a chance to make money; it don't come but once in a life time. They say the poorest people are getting rich at the mines. Come put your name down as one of us. We need an honest, upright fellow like you to keep us straight. Here's the book with our names, write yours while I light a match for you to see."

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Frank took the proffered book and pencil, held it close to his eyes, then commenced to write, but the match flickered and went out before the first letter was made.

"Here! quick now, Frank, before this match goes out—it's the last one," but a puff of wind left them again in the dark.

"What in the deuce ails you, Frank? I could have written half a dozen names in that time."

"Go on Joe," spoke Frank, "I'll tell you tomorrow," and he turned homeward.

"All right, old fellow; I'll be around tomorrow; but in the meantime, take a little advice from one who is right smart your senior and meditate on it till I come."

Frank paused and Joe came nearer and spoke in a very confidential way: "I know your trouble—your mother; now you go home like a man, and tell her that you are going to the mines day after tomorrow, and it will be settled just that quick," snapping his fingers. "I tell you, Frank, you never saw an independent man in your life who tied himself to mammy's apron strings."

Joe said this last as he turned and walked away, leaving Frank standing in the middle of the road, with a great over-drawn picture of the iron mines dazzling his imagination.

"I'll do it!" he suddenly said; "I'll tell mother I am going day after tomorrow," and he entered the house with this intention. His mother, however, had retired, so he went to his own room, secretly glad of an excuse to wait until morning to tell her.

He could not sleep for thinking. More than half the night he rolled and tossed in his bed, making resolutions as to what was best, and as quickly breaking them.

"What must I do?" kept ringing in his brain.

"Go! go!" whispered the tempter, but a vision of his mother's pale face would rise up before him, making him almost hate himself for his selfishness.

The late moon rose and lighted up his room, falling in soft rays on the little Bible she had given him when he was a small boy. As he looked at it, tender memories rose faster and faster until his eyes unconsciously filled with tears and he withdrew his gaze; but wherever his sleepless eyes wandered they fell on something dear and treasured that had come to him from his mother. At length sitting boldly upright in bed he cried out: "I can't stand it; let the boys who have no mother go if they are amind to, but as for me, I will not smother my better feelings."

The next morning he went cheerfully about his work, feeling happier than he had for many days. When Joe came, as promised, to charm his boyish fancy with fresh news of the mines, Frank firmly and unhesitatingly said: "I have something better to live for, Joe; I've a home and mother."

"What a gump," mused Joe as he turned away; yet, he himself could not shake off the impression of the words spoken by his friend. Deep down in his own heart he

telt a vague unrest and a longing for childhood days, when he, too, knew the attractions of a happy home and loving mother.

Frank is a man now, an intelligent, independent farmer, and worth more than all his minor friends put together.

People say it is perfectly wonderful how he climbed up so well, and when they ask him about it he always says: "It's because I obeyed my mother," and refers them to the first commandment with promise.

THE END.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mississippi's Pledge at Savannah.

When Dr. Willingham made his appeal to the messengers from the different States for something definite to which we might look this year for Foreign Missions, Bro. Rowe said \$18,000 for Mississippi. This was not much advance over what we had just reported, but we thought it better to promise \$18,000 and raise \$20,000 than to promise \$20,000 and raise \$18,000.

Now the February Journal in its report of receipts shows only \$3,578.18 paid to January 15th. Of course something, considerable we hope, has been sent in since that report, but at this writing only a little more than two months remain and nearly \$15,000 to raise. The outlook would be dark indeed were it not for the experience in the closing months of former years. Mississippi gives at least 90 per cent. of her foreign mission offerings during the last three months of the year, but we cannot expect the offerings to come without the pastors go after them. There was something doing for foreign missions by Mississippi pastors this time last year. Let us hope that the same is true now. If Mississippi fails to redeem her pledge, I want to say as one of them, that it will be chargeable to the pastors of the churches. I have learned that a pastor who has influence enough to be kept as a pastor of a Baptist Church can lead his people, through the teaching of God's Word saturated with prayer, to some measure of their obligation in giving the gospel to a lost world. I say this on the assumption that the bulk of any Baptist church is made up of regenerated material. The born-again heart will respond to the teaching of God's Word under the influence of the Holy Spirit who is given in answer to prayer: Let every pastor see to it that his church gives at least as much as last year. Many will give more. Let none give less. What is done must be done quickly. \$20,000 would be nothing like so great a proportionate advance as we made last year. The eyes of the Southern Baptist Convention are on Mississippi as the State that made the greatest increase last year, but above all, the great God awaits to work through us mightily if we will but fill our hands with offerings for the salvation of men and women for whom Christ died. Shall we be found wanting? "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

W. F. YARBOROUGH.

V. President for Mississippi.

Cornelius Again.

Was Cornelius a child of God when he sent for Peter? Let the Word of God answer. There are but two classes of people with God, though many terms may be employed in contradistinction, yet they harmonize and agreement prevails. Saint and sinner, righteous and unrighteous, holy and unholy, good and bad, wise and foolish, are a few of the distinguishing names in the sacred writings. The interference is clear and unequivocal that there is no mongrels, half-breeds or quarters in either class. They are full bloods. Either in the kingdom of God, or in the kingdom of Satan. They are children of God or children of the devil. Jesus says: "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit, wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." See Matt. 7:18-20. The question then arises: What kind of fruit did Cornelius bear? and how did God (not man) regard his works?

The Word tell us that Cornelius was a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. Acts 10:2. How does that sound for a child of the devil? It is sufficient to make many professors in this enlightened age blush with shame at their own life. But the evidence don't stop there, for God sent his angel to assure Cornelius that his prayers and alms had come up before him (God) as a memorial, (went right through to the throne,) see 4 verse. God heard his prayers and answered them. Let us see now about God hearing and answering this prayer of a child of the devil. David says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me." Psa. 66:18, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshiper of God and doeth his will, him he heareth" Jno. 10:31.

Cornelius prayed, and God heard and answered his prayer. Then if the two last quoted texts be true (which they are) Cornelius did not regard iniquity in his heart and was not a sinner. Nor is this all, but it proves that Cornelius was a worshiper of God and was doing God's will. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," Matt. 7:21. Certainly Cornelius was in the kingdom of heaven for he was doing the will of God. Amen.

Hutson, Miss., 1904.

When Pastor Yarbrough took charge of the First Church, Jackson, five years ago, the membership numbered 359. Since that time 285 have been received, 90 by baptism, and 195 by letter. Lost during the period 235, leaving a present membership of 409. During this time the Second Baptist Church has been founded and now has a membership of 125 and the outlook good. During the five years the First Church has had a steady growth in her benevolences, reaching last year the sum of \$2,485.68, and \$4,000.00 for home expenses.

Woman's Missionary Union and the Baltimore Fire.

Anxious thoughts from thousands of loving hearts have been turned toward Baltimore, the headquarters of Woman's Missionary Union. As the news of the great calamity has spread, and the appalling magnitude of the destruction has been realized afar and near, letters of inquiry are coming: "Are the Mission Rooms safe?" "Are you personally effected?" We are most grateful to be able to answer that *no harm has come to the Mission Rooms, as they stand.* Of the influence on their work we will speak later.

The fire started on Sunday, at 10 a. m., in the heart of the wholesale dry goods district, a gasoline tank making destruction swift and sure. Almost from the first, the fury of the flames made resistance seem useless. While we have an efficient Fire Department, Washington, D. C., was called on for assistance and, in thirty-five minutes, responded with aid, Philadelphia and other cities followed; but all to no purpose. Dynamite was used ahead of the flames, but great chunks of fire were hurled through the air, carried by the high wind which prevailed to a greater or less extent, for the thirty hours duration of the fire, making all human effort unavailing. The entire wholesale business, and part of the retail, sections of the city have been eaten out. Nearly all the Banks and Trust Companies have been reduced to ashes. The wharves are blackened ruins. Fortunately the City Hall, Post Office and Court House have been saved. All estimates of loss are unreliable, varying from \$100,000,000 to twice that figure. Then there is the stagnation of business!

In the midst of this terrible calamity, which has brought sorrow and suffering to all classes, we who represent the work of Southern Baptist women, have, at times, stood appalled at the thought of what might be the influence upon results of W. M. U. effort this year. So great has been the destruction and so sudden the changes, that the mind suggests and seeks no other explanation than is found in the words of Scripture: "All things work together for good to them that love God," we have sought to grasp the conditions of our work in every direction and have asked: "Lord, what wilt thou have us to do just at this time?" The answer seems to have come in the thought that an appeal must be made to the Baptist women of the South, from the officers of the State Central Committees to the humblest worker in the most obscure Society, to come to the relief of W. M. U., and to the help of the Lord, by doing all they can.

Only three months remain of the Conventional year, a year, when W. M. U. was asked to raise \$90,000—for Foreign Missions, \$50,000 for Home Missions, \$40,000. Three months that in the planning of the year's work, were to be largely devoted to Home Missions, that include the "Week of Special Effort for Home Missions," March 20-26, and in which it was also hoped that \$20,000 would be raised

for the "Tichenor Memorial" to the Church Building Loan Fund.

At the time of writing, it is impossible to say when we shall be able to supply State Central Committees with the special literature for use during the third week in March, or when the leaflet for the Tichenor Memorial can be furnished. All this material has been prepared and given into the hands of the printers. Samples were received and sent to Central Committees. Some of the literature has been delivered at the Mission Rooms, but this is a comparatively small quantity. While the Baltimore printers have already shown great enterprise, a definite promise cannot be made regarding the remainder. The envelopes were printed in a northern factory and, owing to the burning of the wharves, there may be difficulty in their delivery. But, supposing all W. M. U. material should be received at the Mission Rooms in the near future, there is the greatest uncertainty regarding packing, time of delivery at Express Office, etc., etc. The one fact we know is that the best will be done under the circumstances to furnish literature for the Societies. The great desire of our hearts is that the cause of missions should not suffer.

Southern Baptist women, in the past, have proved themselves loyal in emergencies. Therefore, with faith in them, the request is made that they will "Go Forward," whether the literature be received or not; meetings for prayer to be held daily, during the suggested week in March, or as often as possible, and liberal offerings made by Home Missions. "In Union is Strength"—let us give ourselves heartily to this work, relying on our divine Co-laborer, who, in such an unexpected manner, has increased the burden of personal responsibility.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

An Indian Orphan's Home.

It may not be generally known that under the direction and with the blessing of God, there has been established in Indian Territory, a Home for the orphan children of full-blood Indians, and those not over half white, open to any tribe in the U. S.

This Home is founded on benevolent principles and is the only one for Indians in the U. S. It is an industrial Home under Baptist auspices. The lands of the Indians are now being allotted to them as individuals and some of them are donating a portion of their allotments to this Home. These gifts are filed on in one body. Already the Home has secured 1,16 acres of land, from these donations, and more to follow. Under Christian leaders, the children will cultivate this farm and the Home will, in time, become largely self-supporting. They will be trained in all kinds of industrial work, as well as in books. The full-blood Indians are rapidly dying out. They are being shamefully robbed of their lands. In a few years many of them will be without a spot of land which they can call their own. This Home is being prepared as a place of

refuge to save a few of the orphan children of this rapidly passing race from lives of indolence, ignorance, crime, and from premature death. It will be a Home for training of these children in the principles and habits of industry, economy, purity and Christianity and make of them intelligent, useful citizens. There are hundreds of Orphan Homes for Whites all over the country. Not one too many. These receive large contributions from the benevolent public. Not one cent too much.

Will not the friends of humanity, of Christianity and of the Indians, aid in establishing this one Home for Indian orphan children? The Indians are giving the land. Will the whites give the means to erect on this land necessary buildings and other improvements? The Home is incorporated. The charter provides that the land and other real estate can never be sold or mortgaged so long as it may be needed as a Home for the orphan children of any tribe of Indians in the U. S. It has the endorsement of the Indian tribes in this Territory, the Dawes Commission, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the Secretary of the Interior, in Washington City. It is a most praiseworthy institution. Its earthly promoters are thoroughly unselfish in this work. They desire not one foot of land nor a penny of money for themselves. They receive no salary.

The present necessities of this Home are large and pressing. The land needs to be fenced and some of it cleared and prepared for a crop this spring. An orchard also must be started. Fruit trees are needed. We are occupying a temporary Home in Atoka. Here we have nearly a hundred Indian orphan children and applications to receive others frequently. These children will be moved to the farm as soon as we have accommodations sufficient to care for them.

Any contributions in money for buildings, or for other improvements on the farm, or for current expenses, at this temporary home, will be gratefully received.

Address J. S. MURROW,
Atoka, Indian Territory.

A Good Day.

We took our collection for Foreign Missions at Friendship Church, Chickasaw Association, on the third Sunday in January, and notwithstanding we have many, many dead heads in regard to missions, we raised thirty-two dollars more than three times as much as what we have done any time previous.

Bro. J. J. Gibson, of Tula, is our pastor, and because of his wisdom, energy and piety, we consider him a master workman.

I would have given this item of news sooner, but old man grip came along and gave me such a grip that I lost my grip and could not write.

Yours for better work,
W. L. SOUTER.
Myrtle, Miss.

Resolution.

WHEREAS, Bro. David Burney has resigned his work at Pleasant Ridge, of which church he was pastor for eight years, therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That we tender our thanks to Bro. Burney for his untiring energy and devoted zeal in advancing the church along all lines of church work.

Second, That we thank him for his counsel and advice while our beloved pastor, and also for his promptness in attendance upon all services.

Third, That we thank him for his incessant labor in raising the necessary funds for the building of our new house of worship, which, when erected, we hope will reflect credit upon the community.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded Bro. Burney and that a copy be sent to the Durant News and to THE BAPTIST for publication.

Done by order of the church in conference this, the 31st day of Jan., 1904.

M. A. TRUITT,
T. L. EURANK,
C. V. DODD,
Committee.

South McComb.

I would like to make a statement of the work in South McComb. About one year ago, the church was organized, with twenty members. We have now on the roll 130, with 100 in the Sunday School.

Last fall the members built a house of worship, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. It's all paid, except eight hundred. The work is in fine shape. We are receiving members at nearly every service. Have three awaiting baptism.

The members are poor people—shop, mill, and factory hands; but like those who heard our Saviour, they are hearing and heeding the truth. They need help in the way of money, prayers, and sympathy. So any brother or sister, church, Sunday School, or any body, who reads this and feels like sending me something to help pay this balance on the house, it will be cheerfully received.

We are going to pay it, even if we do not get a cent, but it's proper to make this statement so the opportunity of doing good might be put before you.

I received \$50.00 this morning from J. J. White, the lumber king in South Miss.

J. H. LANE.

Magnolia, Miss.

More News From the Piney Woods.

BUT of a better nature than that which Bro. Williams wrote in December. Society Hill still has the same pastor, and despite the storm in November, which shook her from center to circumference, we are still moving on in the Lord's work, and rejoicing as we go. Our congregation Saturday was fully up to the average. Our business was dispatched promptly, and we all went away feeling that the Lord had granted us the petitions which have been going to Him from many anxious hearts. Yesterday our congregation was large, almost enough to fill our forty by sixty house. Our music was of the old style, that which makes the singer glad and touches the listener's soul.

At the close of our service, the condition of Bro. J. R. Carter's family of some eighty or more children was brought to the attention of the congregation by Deacon John B. Dale, and a cash collection amounting to about \$14 was taken for them which, added to what had just been forwarded by a family belonging to our church, made a total of about \$25 for the Orphanage.

Indeed, Bro. Editor, it's another instance in which persecution has added strength to the cause of Christ.

Fraternally,

L. D. POSEY.

Mt. Carmel, Miss., Feb. 15, 1904.

The Right Ring.

I clip the following from a communication found in the Carthaginian, my old county paper, from Hon. Presley Grove, State Senator from Leake County. It has the right ring and if we had had enough of that kind of sentiment in our present legislature the people of our State would have been given the privilege of saying at the ballot box whether or not whisky could be longer legally sold on Mississippi soil.

Here are Mr. Grove's words:

"Prohibition question is on foot in the House and a hard fight is on. The whisky forces are lined up and endeavoring to defeat the measure. I earnestly hope that whisky will be swept from our State. It is a disturbing factor from every standpoint, striking deep its fangs of venom into the social and political future of our State. No excuse for its sale, under any pretext. It breeds paupers and criminals and strikes deep at the foundation of human progress."

T. J. MOORE.

Prentiss, Miss.

The Provoked Spirit.

They angered Him at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes; because they provoked his Spirit so that he spake unadvisably with his lips, Psa. 106, 32. The people were thirsty and uttered rebellious words against God and against Moses. God came in and wrought deliverance, but the Spirit of Moses and Aaron was provoked, it went ill with Moses, see this aged servant of God who was faithful in all his house, yet in this fortieth year of the wilderness journey, this great disaster came upon him, are we not liable to disaster from the cause of a provoked Spirit. God is infinitely patient with wrong doing. He is never provoked, He meant for his servants to represent Him in patience. Turn to Matthew 26 27 and onward, look at the Lord Jesus under circumstances of the most intense provocation, look at Peter, manifesting the provoked Spirit, it was not the Spirit of the Master, who said if I had wanted retaliation on the evil doers, ten thousand angels are at my bidding,

I do not need your sword Peter. He wants us to be filled with His Spirit.

Oh, brothers and sisters, are we not followers of the Lamb of God who bears with us in mercy and patience and long suffering. If the Spirit of Christ is in us, we shall rebuke evil, but tenderly love the evil doer. I believe this provoked Spirit is one of the greatest hindrances to the outpouring of God's Spirit.

T. J. S.

Refreshing Showers.

Last week old mother earth was soaked right well. Refreshing showers refresh and prevent parchedness.

As in the natural, so in the spiritual—fruit comes on account of waterings. And God has great refreshings in His reservoir, and pours them out in proportion to faith: Witness the four with the paralytic—faith undaunted, and the man got pardon.

And so it is: Our spiritual prosperity measures with our faith, and our faith feeds our works. We can't have faith without works; neither can we have prosperity. The "obedience of faith" is the bed-rock, and God waters it well. Abraham "obeyed" and "went out." He also laid Isaac on the altar and God was well pleased; and he became God's "friend."

We want more faith. We believe God will do wonders for us, but we want to believe it more.

Rev. R. H. Purser will labor with us soon. We are asking for many showers. Twenty for prayer last night. Five accessions to church yesterday—morning and night. Help us to pray.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

A Notable Day at Yazoo City.

Yesterday was a glad day with our church. A debt of \$2,350 was resting on our house of worship. At the close of the morning service \$2,302.50 had been subscribed. At the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. in the afternoon \$50 more was added, making in all \$3,252.50, \$2.50 more than was needed. Anywhere from \$300 to \$500 more will be added by those who were not present. I have never witnessed such giving, such liberality and cheerfulness. Some of us would have wept for joy had we not considered laughing more suitable. Such a day with its efforts and successes, was a blessing to the church rather than a burden. It was productive of greater reliance upon God for His help; aided us in realizing our duty and the ability to perform it; and not the least blessing was the strengthening of the bonds of Christian fellowship.

Other blessings have come to us recently in the addition to our membership both by baptism and letter of some choice spirits and faithful helpers.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Truly,

W. J. DERRICK.

Yazoo City, Feb. 15, 1904.

When your time is out, if you do not wish paper continued, drop us a card. It is expected that all arrearages will be paid up before ordering paper stopped.

Obituary notices, whether direct or in the form of resolutions, of 100 words, and marriage notices of twenty-five words, inserted free; all over these amounts will cost one cent per word, which must accompany the notice.

Manuscript to be printed must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink.

No communication will be printed unless it is accompanied by the name of the author.

In requesting change of post office, do not fail to name office from which and to which the change is to be made.

Now Ready.

The History of Mississippi Baptists from the Earliest Times is now ready for delivery. It is now in order for those who have placed their orders for this work, to send along the price, and the book will go forward to you.

If you wish cloth binding, send \$3.00; if sheep, send \$4.00. Those who have not placed your orders can do so, and you will be served in the order in which your orders reach us, until the edition is exhausted, when we can go no further. The edition is only 1,000 copies.

Correction.

In the first line of Dr. Rowe's article in last week's issue, the little (big) word "not" slipped in, which made him say precisely what he did not say. We regret the error, and as we cannot recall it, we do our best to correct it.

Books.

[Any book reviewed in these columns can be had by enclosing to THE BAPTIST price named. Let THE BAPTIST have your book patronage. We will treat you the best we can.]

"Evolution in My Mission Views, or Growth of Gospel Mission Principles in My Own Mind," by Rev. T. P. Crawford, D. D., Tai-an-fu, China. De Luxe, fine cloth with gilt stamp, 160 pages. Price, postpaid, 75 cents. J. A. Scarboro, publisher, Fulton, Ky. In this work Dr. Crawford gives his readers the experiences and observations of fifty years on the Mission field in China, which led him to advocate what is now popularly called "Gospel Missions." The book contains a fine halftone photo of the distinguished author, and is a unique and distinct contribution to current literature. An experience of fifty years as a missionary and the conclusions drawn from it cannot fail to interest all students of missions.

Character. A moral textbook, by Henry Varnum. Cloth, \$1.50, postpaid; 424

pages. This really remarkable new book is not an essay, not the elaborated opinion of the author, but a systematic grouping of the accumulated teachings of all times, assembled from many sources in many lands, and formulating those precepts which experience has rightly designated as the wisdom of the ages—a mirror wherein one may compare his own character with what the wisdom of the world declares is a perfect man. A complete standard of morals for both the young and the old. Over 400 pages, with complete index to page and paragraph of every character trait, precept, epigram, topic, and text.

Memoir of Mary K. Eagle, by her husband, Ex-Governor Eagle, came to our book table some time since, but pressure of many other duties prevented an earlier review. It contains 118 pages, well bound in cloth. The author indulges his feeling and judgment without restraint, and yet no one feels while reading this little volume that it contains one single line of gush or cant, so great is the confidence in his sincerity and so high the esteem in which her memory is held. The book contains a bit of biography, statements of some facts, some unstinted tributes which the author lays lovingly at the shrine of her memory, and a large number of tender expressions of sympathy from Gov. Eagle's many friends. The book will be a help to any careful reader. Such strong affinity and harmonious lives in the holy estate of matrimony are beautiful to contemplate. Price 50 cents.

The History of Christian Preaching, by T. Harwood Pattison, Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in the Rochester Theological Seminary, is published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. It contains 412 pages, uncut, neatly bound in cloth. The paper is good and the type large and clear. Twenty splendid portraits of prominent preachers of the past, representing various denominations, adorn these pages, that of the great Luther constituting the frontispiece. The biography, style, manner and matter of over two hundred ministers, from almost every age, nationality and denomination, are wrought into this work in such a way as to be quite pleasing and profitable to every minister of Jesus Christ. The author not only gives the history of preaching in an abstract way, but his dexterous way of weaving in the concrete renders the book fascinating and easy to be remembered.

Dr. Pattison has not failed in any of his books to gain the earnest attention of the thoughtful reader, and in very large measure to satisfy the enquiring mind.

With the initial statement, that "preaching was not new to the world when Jesus came proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom," the first chapter is devoted to "prophet and synagogue" in a fresh and attractive manner. Then a chapter is given to the consideration of the discourses of him who "spoke as never man spake," presenting his style as a model of simplicity and effectiveness. Then, after devoting a chapter to apostolic discourse, he gives

himself with telling effect to a discussion of the preaching of those heralds of the cross, popularly known as the "uninspired." Taking up Clement of Rome (first century), and fetching a comprehensive sweep, he closes with some very sensible observations on Dwight L. Moody, so lately gone from our midst. The historian speaks in strong terms of our own John A. Broadus.

It has been our privilege to read several books on the subject here discussed, but none in so many ways are so satisfactory as this book. It could be read with large profit and information to thousands of preachers. Send \$1.60 to The Mississippi Baptist Publishing Co., and the book will go forward at once.

Notes and Comments.

A note from Dr. Rowe informs us that Mrs. Mira Casper, of Greenwood, a sister of Mrs. Rowe, was buried in Greenwood on the 22nd inst.

Prof. William Cleaver Wilkinson, is lecturing before Baylor University. This brother of unquestioned erudition is a professor in the University of Chicago.

Sister Farrar, the wife of Rev. J. C. Farrar, died on the 21st inst., after an illness of about ten days. We extend sympathy to Bro. Farrar in this his greatest trial.

Measures have been taken by the Methodists North for protecting their missionaries in Korea during the war. This is humane and wise, as nothing can be done during hostilities.

The Utica Baptist Church have let the contract for building a new pastor's home. It will cost nearly \$2,000, the larger part of which has been raised, and the other soon will be. Something to apply here will be realized out of the old house. The Utica Baptists are great workers, and God is abundantly blessing them.

Dr. J. M. Frost, our beloved Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, has been advised by his physician to spend sometime in Florida, in search of health. He has been in poor health for some weeks. We very earnestly trust that the Father and giver of every good and perfect gift will grant a return of health to this servant of his.

The "Missionary Union, is the northern board that corresponds to the Foreign Mission Board in the South. It closes its financial year with March 31. It will be necessary for this union to receive \$283,000 by March 31, to be clear of debt. If some large giver does not come to the relief of the treasury there will be a large deficit. But usually the large giver appears at the last hour.

The Baptist Standard of Texas has very much enlarged its working force. Three new names have been raised to the mast-

head. Rev. J. H. Gambrell becomes joint editor with Rev. J. B. Cranfill and Revs. E. P. West and J. H. Thorn are set down as field editors. We have known Bro. J. H. Gambrell for many years and always found him true and trustworthy. We welcome him to the fraternity of Southern Baptist editors. He will find the work incessant and difficult, but the field of usefulness is large.

The death of Dr. T. Harwood Patson, which occurred on the 13th inst., was a distinct loss to the Baptists. He was born in Cornwall, England, on Dec. 14, 1838, being, therefore, at his death a little over 65 years of age. He was a strong man, whether in the pulpit, professor's chair or writing books. His last contribution to book-making was "The History of Christian Preaching," which has been reviewed in these columns. One by one the great are falling, but God abides, and his work goes on.

It is announced that at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. G. M. Savage tendered his resignation as president of the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Tenn., to take effect at the close of the session. The resignation was accepted, but Dr. Savage has been elected to a professorship in the institution at the same salary he was receiving as president. The reason assigned for Dr. Savage's resignation is that he is pastor of several churches, giving every Sunday to them, and that the duties of the presidency had grown so that the position required all of the president's time even Sundays.

Prof. J. T. Henderson, president of Virginia Institute at Bristol, has been elected to succeed Dr. Savage. No doubt a fine choice. We presume, but do not know, that he will accept.

T. D. Powell Monument.

I give this report and perhaps some brother will help after seeing this. I would like to put an enclosure around grave also, and if the brethren will help, will do so.

Names and amount of contribution:
Bro. J. P. Williams.....\$15 00
Bro. T. E. H. Robinson.....5 00
Bro. T. D. Bush.....2 00
Bro. I. P. Trotter.....1 00
Bro. W. T. Lowrey.....1 00
Bro. T. J. Bailey.....1 00
Bro. James Welch.....1 00
Sister Low R. Hemeter.....1 00

Total.....\$27 00

The bill for tomb, \$45.00. I will give ten dollars, which leaves a balance of eight dollars. Will appreciate help from any one, which will appear in THE BAPTIST.

Your brother,

J. J. Bass.

A Power for Good.

Although Bro. Wm. J. Mahoney, the new pastor of Calvary Church, has been in his new field of labor for only three weeks and

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three days, he has taken hold of the work as though he had known his people for years and the church has already begun the remodeling of its pastor's home. After the contemplated changes have been made we will have a neat, modern eight room parsonage next door to the church. A few changes or improvements will be made on church building. This is encouraging, but is not the beginning of the good, for during the last three weeks we have had ten additions to the church, seven by letter and three upon a confession of faith, and more to come.

Bro. Mahoney has that personal magnetism about him that draws young men to him, or had I better not say is so filled with that spirit that those who hear him are led to see and know that he has been and is now full of the love of God.

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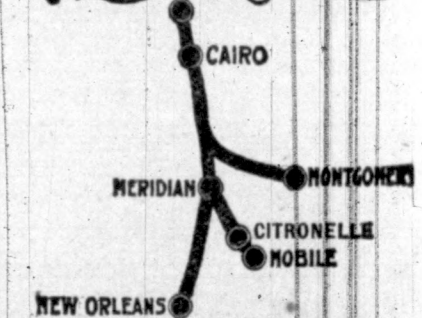
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" Latonia	8:15am	5:23pm
" Brushy	8:20am	5:30pm
" Donovan	8:27am	5:37pm
" Ryanston	8:36am	5:46pm
" Lucedale	8:43am	5:53pm
" Eubank	8:54am	6:04pm
" Bexley	9:02am	6:12pm
" Merrill	9:15am	6:25pm
" Leaf	9:32am	6:42pm
" McLain	9:48am	6:58pm
" Little Creek	9:54am	7:03pm
Ar. Beaumont	10:08am	7:17pm

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Ar. Mobile	12:31pm	7:33pm
" Orchard	12:05pm	7:07pm
" Crusier	11:59am	7:01pm
" Semmes	11:53am	6:55pm
" Wilmer	11:37am	6:39pm
" Latonia	11:20am	6:22pm
" Brushy	11:13am	6:15pm
" Donovan	11:06am	6:08pm
" Ryanston	10:57am	5:59pm
" Lucedale	10:51am	5:53pm
" Eubank	10:40am	5:39pm
" Bexley	10:32am	5:31pm
" Merrill	10:19am	5:18pm
" Leaf	10:02am	5:01pm
" McLain	9:48am	4:45pm
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No. 4--Daily.	Daily--No. 1.
7:18pm Lv. Beaumont	Ar. 9:24am
7:34pm " Wingate	" 9:08am
7:41pm " New Augusta	" 9:01am
7:49pm " Mahers	" 8:53am
8:04pm " Ragland	" 8:37am
8:13pm " McCallum	" 8:28am
8:35pm Ar. Hattiesburg	Lv. 8:07am

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No. 2.	No. 3.
10:10am Lv. Beaumont	Ar. 4:23pm
10:31am " Hintonville	" 4:02pm
10:51am " Richton	" 3:42pm
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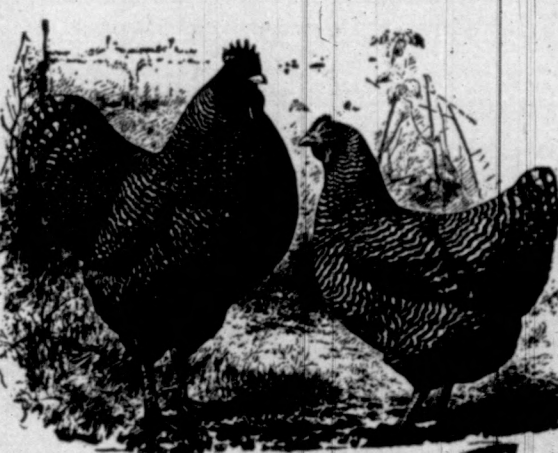
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Brokers Close Ticket Shops. Railway Ticket Protective Bureau Wins Victory in Atlanta.

Severance & Weinfeld and Isenman & Moore, two ticket brokerage firms which have for many years done business in Atlanta, closed their offices yesterday and retired permanently from the ticket brokerage business, and there are now no ticket brokers in Atlanta.

The closing of these offices is the result of skilful work done by the Railway Ticket Protective Bureau, which was organized by the railroads at the suggestion of William A. Pinkerton, head of the celebrated Pinkerton Detective Agency, on the same general lines as the Jewelers' Security Alliance and the American Bankers' Protective Bureau.

The depredations of the ticket brokers upon the revenues of the railroads in the United States and the extent to which the influence of certain scalpers had permeated the offices of the railroads, so that clerks and others having access to tickets could find a ready market for stolen tickets, had grown to such an extent that it became absolutely necessary for the railroads, for the protection of their own revenue and the morals of their employees, to take active measures.

It was while the railroads were looking about for ways and means that Mr. Pinkerton suggested the organization of the Railway Ticket Protective Bureau. The results of the work of this bureau have been eminently satisfactory, and here in Atlanta the work of the bureau has resulted in closing up both offices which the railroads claim have been troubling them.

The bureau had accumulated a very considerable amount of other evidence which it was about to submit to the courts, when on the 14th day of January J. P. Billups, General Passenger Agent of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad, reported to Joseph Richardson, the Atlanta representative of the bureau, that he had just discovered that forty mileage tickets, representing 40,000 miles of transportation, had been stolen from his ticket department.

Mr. Richardson immediately telegraphed the headquarters of the bureau in Chicago, and on the 16th one of Pinkerton's expert operatives arrived in Atlanta. This operative and his assistants traced some of these tickets into and other tickets out of Severance & Weinfeld's office. On January

26th, by virtue of search warrants, the officers made thorough search of both of the ticket brokers' offices, with the result that that night Sam M. McClurkan, a clerk in the auditor's office of the West Point route, was arrested on the charge of larceny, and in default of bond was committed to the city jail, where he staid until Saturday, January 30th, when his bond was made. He implicated a negro, Will Edwards, who was found by the Pinkerton people in St. Louis and brought to Atlanta. At his preliminary trial before Justice of the Peace Ormond he pleaded guilty, as McClurkan had previously done, and it is now understood that Weinfeld and Stephens will plead guilty when their cases are called in the Superior Court.

Thus far the protective bureau has confined its prosecution to the brokers themselves, but it is understood that their campaign will in future include passengers who travel on scalpers' tickets, as it is impossible, it is claimed, for them to use tickets obtained from the scalpers' office unless they commit the crime known to the law as false impersonation, which is a felony and is a penitentiary offense.—Atlanta Constitution, February 16, 1904.

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Dearest sister thou hast left us:

We our loss do deeply feel;

But 'tis God that hath bereft us,

He can all our sorrows heal.

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Cannon.

On February 16th, at 3 a. m., the pure spirit of Leonora, the 12-year old little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cannon, winged its way back to the God who gave it. About ten days ago she took measles, which terminated in pneumonia. All that kind physicians, loving

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Farewell! sweet Leonora, until we meet at Jesus' feet where good-byes will never be said and pain and death never come. She was buried from the Baptist church, Wednesday evening. It was a touching scene to see all her little schoolmates take a last look at her, as she lay so quiet and peaceful in her lovely white casket. As the fond parents looked at her for the last time it seemed we could hear her call from the other shore.

Weep not for me, parents, dear,

I am not dead but sleeping here;

Prepare in time, make no delay,

I was young, and called away.

C. B. B.

At Rest.

On February the 10th, at the home of her daughter on Woodlawn Ave., Mrs. Lucy A. Simmons passed into the beautiful beyond. Sister Simmons lived to the age of sixty-four years, and during this time was permitted to do much for her blessed Master. For some forty years she had been a faithful member of the Baptist denomination, in which period she ever proved her devotion to her church by regular attendance, and prompt response to all the needs of the church of which she was a member. Aside from this, she left her impress on the members of her own household, being permitted to see her own children and grandchildren led in the way of the Lord.

She left three sons and two daughters, a number of grandchildren, and one sister to mourn her loss, her husband, Bro. J. M. Simmons, having passed on before, three years ago. Sister Simmons was permitted to see one of her sons, Rev. Bryan Simmons, ordained to the gospel ministry. He is now in Louisville, Ky., at the Seminary. The letters of this Christian mother served to encourage and inspire him to greater efforts in the Lord's work. Now that she is gone, her words of counsel and her living example will be missed, but let those who loved her rejoice in the thought that she is now free from pain and care, and happy with her Lord.

HER PASTOR.

Natchez, Miss.

Capt. H. S. Cole.

In common with many others, the writer feels a sense of personal loss in the death of this worthy Christian man. It is befitting that more should be written of his life and character than a brief obituary notice. He was a man among men,

known, loved, and respected by a large circle of friends and admirers who wish something of enduring form to keep fresh his memory.

On the night of the 27th of January last, as the pure snow flecks were fast falling to form the twelve-inch snow that covered Central Mississippi, the old soldier was fighting his last battle, and at 7:30 next morning, when hill and vale were concealed under the immaculate mantle, he quietly breathed his last. At his bedside were all the members of his loved family, and many of the friends whom he had won in his upright life in the good town of Brandon.

Capt. Cole was a brave Confederate soldier. At the battle of Shiloh, on the fighting line in the thickest of the noted contest, he was shot down, and captured by the enemy. It became necessary that one of his legs should be amputated by Federal surgeons. This necessitated that he should walk with crutches the remainder of his days. But a worse ill than that was consequent upon the fatal shot. In closing up the flesh after the amputation some nerves were complicated which caused him to be at times a great sufferer. He would pass days in the most excruciating pain with hands clasped upon the paining maimed limb and a look of untold suffering on his face. In truth, he died of the wound received at the battle of Shiloh nearly forty years after the din of the fatal day had died away.

Capt. Cole was much honored and appreciated by his fellow-citizens in Brandon and Rankin county. He held in his county the responsible positions of sheriff, chancery clerk, treasurer and superintendent of public instruction. At the date of his death, he had been mayor of Brandon for eight years. At his burial in the cemetery the erect forms of many of the citizens of Rankin stood out in fine relief against the snow-covered hillside. Men of the Masonic order gently lowered his remains into the silent vault, and men who loved him and delighted to honor him filled his grave with the mellow earth. Brother Cole was a Free Mason, a Knight of Honor and a member of the United Confederate Veterans.

He was a devout Christian. It was my pleasure to be his pastor for nearly eight years, which prepared me to write of his Christian virtues. When his sufferings were not too intense, he was invariably in his seat at the hour of worship, and made an inspiring listener. He presided over his family well in religious affairs, they all went with him to church. It has been my pleasure to see him, his wife, and all his family at Sunday School in regular attendance. He loved his pastor, and was fond of conversing on religious topics.

It may be truthfully said that Brother Cole was exceedingly fond of his family and his family of him. The affectionate consideration for each other in the family circle was beautiful to behold. His spirit mellowed under suffering, and his nature refined by exquisite pain was gentle and affectionate, and his maimed condition and poignant affliction caused his family to naturally show him the

tenderest kindness.

Capt. Cole will be missed for years to come by the good citizens of Rankin county in work, advice, and council. He will be missed by his church in its stated meetings. But the God whom he loved and served lives on, and will care for the bereaved family and give wisdom to remaining fellow-citizens. The God of providence doeth all things well, and to His will we bow with the utmost reverence.

Z. T. LEAVELL.

Married.

Lockett-Cox.

In the Baptist church in Madison, February 17, 1904, Mr. Charles E. Lockett, of Grenada, to Miss Jimmie Cox, of Madison, Z. T. Leavell officiating. Happiness attend them.

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[Direct all communications for this department to Clinton, Miss.]

Woman's Central Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Hackett, President,
Meridian; Mrs. W. R. Woods,
Secretary, Meridian.

Program.

March 1904.

Subject—Italy.

"In due season, we shall reap if we faint not."

1. The 111th Psalm, to be read alternately.

2. Thanksgiving for all God's goodness, making mention of the truth as it is in Jesus.

3. "A Review of Progress" by Dr. E. E. Bomar.

4. Ways of Helping Missions—Prayer, Matt. 9:37, 38; 2 Cor. 1:11; Preaching, Mark 3:14; Sustaining, 1 Cor. 9:14. The reward of sharing in missions: Fruit eternal, John 4:36; Fruit proportionate, 2 Cor. 9:6; Our Lord's commendation, Matt. 25:23.

5. Keynote of Short Talk by Leader: "I see no business in life but the work of Christ, neither do I desire any employment in all eternity, but His service"—Henry Martyn.

7. Extracts from 1 casket—"Italy and the Gospel" by Dr. Whittinghill.

8. Letters from "Tourists" to Italy who are to be appointed at least two weeks before the meeting to make an imaginary trip and write to the Society regarding various points of interest.

9. Business, etc. App int Committee to distribute envelopes for "Special Offerings for Home Missions" throughout the church if this has not already been done; also arrange for observance of the Week of Prayer.

10. Remember to honor God by spe-

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cial prayer for special needs offered by different members of the Society. In an "Ideal" meeting, all prayer is not by the leader or included in the opening exercises.

A Correction.

In the quarterly report of the secretary of Central Committee, there was a mistake in the report of W. M. S. of Clinton. The following is a correct report of amount reported to me:

Home uses \$3.80, ministerial education 7.30, box to frontier 73.15, church building and loan 12.40.—\$96.65.

Mrs. Wm. R. Woods,
Sec'y Cen. Com.

CLINTON, MISS., FEB. 15, '94.

MY DEAR MRS. JOHNSON:

Some one has said, "Look in the heart then write." The enclosed letter I send you for publication, I am sure was written from the heart. There is so much of hopefulness and encouragement in it, I want every Society in our Association to read it, trusting it may prove a stimulus and incentive to more active work, and may God's own Spirit spur us on to render our part toward the promulgation of His glorious work.

UTICA, MISS., Jan. 18, '94.

DEAR MRS. AVEN:

I am so happy to tell you that we observed the week of prayer and were truly blessed, not only in the offerings given us for China Missions, but we all had a genuine spiritual uplift. We have had our annual report and election of officers for 1904, we start out with more zeal and greater consecration than ever before, we expect to accomplish

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a great work this year for the Lord, although we are few in numbers. Our offerings amounted to \$12.45. We also paid our college endowment note for \$5.00 the 1st day of January, 1904, and have nearly enough in the treasury to take up the remaining two—which will not be due until Jan. 1905 and 1906, but we wish the endowment to get the benefit of the offer made by the Educational Society; so we will soon cancel both notes.

We have only fourteen members now, and usually about half of that number attend our meetings. If you think we are doing well and wish to encourage our ladies you can make a report of this in THE BAPTIST.

We are following the printed programs and enjoy them so much. We also use quite a lot of tracts and other literature that we find very helpful to us. Our ladies are becoming well informed on Missions and our denominational work generally.

Yours in the work,
(Mrs.) J. B. COHON.

Brieflets.

In beauty, in climate and resources, our South-land compares favorably with any country. The soil is rich and fertile. The mountains slope eastward to great cotton fields and pine forests, westward to broad areas of wheat and corn, and to vast prairie fields.

Among the dangers of this fair land are those that come through the rapid multiplication of towns and cities, those from the liquor traffic, from the incoming foreign population, and from Mormonism and other false doctrines.

State Mission work is of great importance, because it is foundation work. The needs are emphasized by the fact that new people are moving into the States constantly; factory towns are springing up; weak churches are to be sustained; and new churches and Sunday-schools established.

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Prohibition Laws.

I think the first prohibitory law passed was what was known as the gallon law; that is, no one could sell less quantity than one gallon license. This license was granted upon petition signed by a majority of the voting citizens of precincts or municipalities. Finally the gallon law was abolished giving the "bar keeper" the full benefit of the business. The next step taken was local option, leaving

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the question as to sale of liquors to the people of the county, and the people of Mississippi have not yet progressed further, although desperate efforts have been made to procure statutory prohibition, which failed, and last Constitutional prohibition which fell short five votes and could not be even submitted to the people that they may vote on it.

When the question of local option came up, we found the liquor's staunch "friends" of the precinct or municipality petition law, after local option obtained, and the prohibitionists attempted to procure constitutional amendment, we find the anti prohibitionists have firmly planted themselves upon the local option platform, at least it looks that way to me. The idea seems to be with them, that it will be easier to prevent progress in prohibition by adopting and advocating that lower prohibition policy that will best secure success in the defeat of the higher. When this is done the next move on the part of the anti-prohibitionists will be to abolish local option, or at least defeat prohibition through local option. It should be remembered that almost a generation of voters, have grown up since we have had a local option election in many or most of our dry counties. Most of these voters are uneducated in the evils of the whisky traffic and will fall an easy prey to the arguments of the rum seller. Are we on the retrograde? J. R. SAMPLE.

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I could touch you, but can not.

I would not disturb you, dear,
For you are sweetly resting
While I am lonely here
In a world so besetting.

Could I but speak to you, dear,
One little word or two,
And you my voice could hear,
I would tell you a story true.

How I long to tell you, dear,
That I miss you, yes, miss you,
And so often I drop a tear
To think I must bid adieu.

How I long for your loving hand
To be placed again in mine,
But the world will not stand
For mortal hand to touch divine.

Often do I dream of you, dear,
And see you in my vision;
And soon I shed a bitter tear
When awake to my delusion.

Oh, if I could but raise the veil
That hides you from my sight,
I would venture, though I fail,
To have you again at my side.

I would not have you, my dear,
To come back here to stay,
But just a moment near
To say I am so lonely today.

I would not have you suffer more,
In this world of sorrow and trial,
But just a moment or so,
Just to speak to you a little while.

I want to tell you, my dear,
How sad and lonely I am;
But you may be now so near
That between us is only a span.

Who knows but you are close by
And watching over me here?
Happy thought! so near, so nigh;
Come closer, even closer, my dear.

I almost feel your tender touch;
Your sweet voice, almost hear.
Oh, is it asking, asking too much,
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Now just lay your hand in mine;
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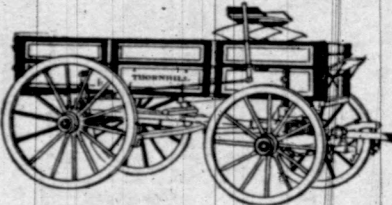
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